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(Figure 1) 1 **ABSTRACT** 2 A system for operating plurality of diverse mobile 3 computing devices 200 used by mobile users is described. 4 A subscriber database 150 is provided comprising 5 information about the hardware and/or software 6 capabilities of the mobile units. An application server 7 100 accesses the subscriber database 150, allowing preparation of an application script from script segments 9 according to the hardware and/or software capabilities of 10 11 the unit. 12 A master application 715 in markup language may be used 13 for the preparation of the application script. 14 Applications and data in the form of script can then be 15 downloaded to each mobile computing device and can 16 continue to function offline with periodic 17 synchronisation of data and application with information 18

held in an information server database 460.